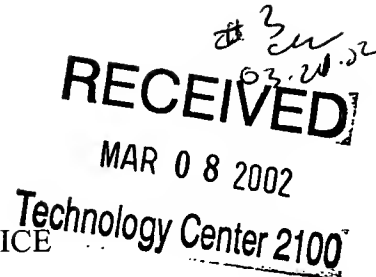


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FOR RECEIVER AND SENDER TERMINALS AND FOR E-MAIL  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF RECEIVER TERMINAL

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-242326, which was published on September 17, 1996, along with English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to TOYODA et al., which issued on March 9, 1999. Applicant notes that these documents are discussed on page one of the specification of the instant application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125 to OKADA et al., which issued on July 11, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,094,277 to TOYODA, which issued on July 25, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,124,939 to TOYODA et al., which issued on September 26, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,299,884 to TOYODA et al., which issued on May 8, 2001.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on a

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PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/495,516 to TOYODA, entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus and E-Mail Communication Method", which was filed on February 1, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,829 to TAMARU, entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus and Internet Facsimile Communication Method", which was filed on March 28, 2001.

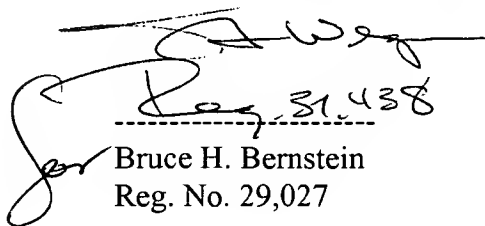
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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